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Re: Mayor Copenhaver's Radio Show 'Augusta Today and Tomorrow'

Mayor Copenhaver, through the generosity of Radio One, is hosting his own monthly interview show. The third show was taped on Tuesday after the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and will be broadcast Sunday, May 7 on:

6:00 am Magic 96.9
7:00 am Foxie 103.1
5:30 pm WTHB FM 100.9

Mayor Copenhaver's guest was Senator Ed Tarver. Both Senator Tarver and Mayor Copenhaver were instrumental in forming the Destination 2020 plan. Destination 2020 is a plan that details what we would like our community to look like in 2020 and how to get there. The group started with a series of town meetings, in which the findings were compiled and then consolidated into a prepared working document. We are now in the implementation phrase. There have been a number of projects completed that were suggested in the plan, including the Columbia County Library, Community Service Resource and the Emergency Mobile Command Unit. Both Mayor Copenhaver and Senator Tarver agreed that community participation is key and our greatest natural resource is our people.

Senator Tarver and Mayor Copenhaver also spoke about their freshman years in office. During his successful first legislative session, Senator Tarver was instrumental in getting local assistance grants for Lucy Laney Museum, Destination 2020 and the Augusta Youth Center. Augusta State University and Augusta Medical Center Authority also received funding. Both men talked about the steep learning curve and trying to return all calls, letters and emails. "Public service is the name of the game. If you need help, call Senator Tarver and Mayor Copenhaver."

For more information regarding Destination 2020, please contact Angela Hillesland at (706) 650-9999. Also visit the Volunteer Augusta website at www.volunteer-augusta.com.